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1. SRV FIRST SECRETARY DO THANH CAME TO THE EMBASSY AT 1435 APRIL 14 TO DELIVER AN EMBASSY NOTE OF APRIL 14 IN ANSWER TO OUR APRIL 9 NOTE CONCERNING THE PARIS TALKS. DO THANH COMMENTED THAT CONTRARY TO OUR EARLIER IMPRESSION, HANOI HAD ACCEPTED THE MAY 3 DATE FOR THE FIRST CONTACT. THE LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL BE PROVIDED LATER; HE THOUGHT THE FIRST PART OF NEXT WEEK. THE FRENCH TEXT OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS PARA 2; OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS PARA 3.

2. "AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE DU VIET NAM EN FRANCE

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L'AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE DU VIET NAM PRESENTE SES COMPLIMENTS A L'AMBASSADE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE ET, EN REPONSE A SA NOTE DU 9 AVRIL 1977, A L'HONNEUR DE PORTER A SA CONNAISSANCE QUE LA
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PARTIE VIETNAMIENNE EST D'ACCORD AVEC LA PROPOSITION DE LA PARTIE AMERICAINE QUE LA REUNION EN VUE DES DISCUSSIONS SUR LA NORMALISATION DES RELATIONS ENTRE LES DEUX PAYS AURONT LIEU LE 3 MAI 1977. LA LISTE DES MEMBRES DE LA DELEGATION VIETNAMIENNE LUI SERA COMMUNIQUEE ULTERIEUREMENT.

L'AMBASSADE DE LA REPUBLIQUE SOCIALISTE DU VIET
NAM SAISIT CETTE OCCASION POUR RENOUVELER A
L'AMBASSADE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE LES ASSURANCES DE
SA HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

PARIS, LE 14 AVRIL 1977.

AMBASSADE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE
EN FRANCE"

3. "THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA AND, IN REPLY TO ITS NOTE OF APRIL 9,
1977, HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM IT (THE EMBASSY) THAT THE
VIETNAMESE PARTY AGREES WITH THE PROPOSAL OF THE

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AMERICAN PARTY THAT THE MEETING FOR DISCUSSIONS ON THE
NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
TAKE PLACE MAY 3, 1977. THE LIST OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE VIETNAMESE DELEGATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO IT
LATER.

THE EMBASSY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
TAKES THIS OCCASION TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

PARIS, APRIL 14, 1977."

4. DO THANH SAID THAT THE VIETNAMESE SIDE EXPECTED TO HAVE FIVE OR SIX PERSONS IN ITS DELEGATION INCLUDING THE INTERPRETER. HE WAS STILL WAITING FOR FORMAL NOTIFICATION FROM HANOI ON THIS SUBJECT AS WELL AS THE NAME OF THE PRINCIPAL REPRESENTATIVE. HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE NO TROUBLE WITH THE AVENUE MADRID LOCATION, BUT THOUGHT WE WOULD STILL HAVE TO WORK OUT A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS INCLUDING THE RECORDING OF THE SESSIONS WHICH HE BELIEVED HIS SIDE WOULD PARTICULARLY WISH TO INSIST ON. THE HANDLING OF THE PRESS INCLUDING ANY FORMAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THE MEETINGS, EITHER PRIOR TO OR AFTERWARDS ABOUT THE CONTENTS
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SHOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN ADVANCE. HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE READY TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20. HE NOTED WE SHOULD GET THESE MATTERS OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE THE 23RD SINCE PHAM VAN DONG ARRIVED APRIL 25.
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